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CHILDREN ON THE STAGE.

DEBARIC RESTRICTIONS TO BE ENFORCED IN FRANCE.

By a circular issued to the Prefects of Departments and directors of theatres, M. Lion Barod, the Under-Secretary of State for Fine Arts, has made some wise restrictions as to the employment of children on the stage, whether theatre, variety, or café-concert. For instance, in future no child under nine will be permitted to appear at all on the stage. Theatres in which children form the cast will continue to be prohibited, as is the employment of children under thirteen for café-concerts. No child under 16 may perform perilous feats or dislocation exercises. Finally children must hold a school certificate; otherwise they cannot be employed, even during the vacation, on tour. M. Franck, director of the Apollo Theatre of Varieties, thinks these provisions too draconian if they are intended to be strictly adhered to for they mean the suppression of such masterpieces as M. Franck's "Blue Bird." The Association of the Directors of Theatres has not yet taken any steps in the way of protest, but M. Franck thinks that they will be bound to discuss the new situation very seriously.

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Bijou Scenic Theatre.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 3.—  
Noon—Hongkong Electric Co.'s Meeting.  
TUESDAY, May 6.—  
Opening Performance of Miss May Roberts in Theatre Royal.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1913.

THE STATE AND PRIVATE  
EMPLOYMENT.

WISELY or otherwise, the number of Government employees is being steadily increased, and it is therefore well that the broad principles which affect the efficiency of State services should be borne in mind by all concerned. It is true that, in most departments of the State, the bulk of the work is largely, if not exclusively, of a routine nature; but in many other instances there is a need for the highest intellect and technical knowledge. This is especially so in the case of those at the head of departments or in responsible positions. Generally, however, the Acts of Parliament leave little room for the play of imagination. The dominant aim of the draughtsmen of all enactments is precision and lucidity; but, unfortunately, amid the excitement of the party game in the House of Commons, there is introduced phraseology which defeats this aim, with the result that there is confusion, and somewhat surprising results in the law courts. This applies notably to legislation which affects the individual. If evidence of this were desired, abundant instances could be found—for instance, in the legal decisions regarding workmen's compensation; the Insurance Act promises to be also a fruitful source of difficulty. It is, however, in what might be regarded as the commercial administrative departments of Government that one finds real scope for intellectual knowledge and experience in working out a wise national policy, and the opportunity for the display of originality and the exercise of imagination, as well as the readiness to accept responsibility. The business conducted in such departments does not come directly within the purview of the general public, and the consequence of deficiency in these essential qualities is that the community is harassed and the national trade checked without the public consciousness being awakened to the need of improvement.

It is not, however, merely in administration that attention should be devoted to the principles of Government employment. For good or ill,

the State has taken over many departments where applied science is directly involved, and the technical officers responsible for such departments are, as a consequence, affected by all the disadvantages of Government employment. It is well known, for instance, that many complaints have been made regarding the telegraph and telephone systems, the latter of which has recently been absorbed by the State. We do not propose to enter into any criticism of the systems adopted, but we do know that engineers who have entered upon a long course of experimental work, in order to devise improvements in transmission by telegraph and telephony, find in State officials great reluctance in applying suggested improvements experimentally or in adopting them even when found promising. This is a fault of the individual, and such fault-finds its most striking illustration in the disinclination to accept responsibility. The Government employee rarely obtains credit for any improvement he may effect; more rarely still does he get any financial reward for increased efficiency or improved economy. On the other hand, the penalty of failure is either a delay in promotion or the absence of recognition through the "Honours List."

That there can be no financial reward is known, because the salary is fixed, and it is well understood that, if a man does decently well, his promotion becomes solely dependent upon the lapse of time and his staying power from the physical point of view, while, ultimately, his pension is assured, a pension which, by the way, is no other than deferred pay. Amendment of the conditions of Government employment is difficult—some even say, in the light of human characteristics, impossible—because, with or without justification, the charge of nepotism, favouritism, or influence, would be raised in the case of many who were promoted out of the ordinary routine. This, of course, is one of the grave objections to the undertaking by the State of any service which could be rendered by private enterprise; but whether or not the conditions are absolutely inherent in the system must ever remain a question of controversy.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Two further cases of bubonic plague were reported yesterday—one from D'Aguiar Street, and the other from Shanghai Street, Kowloon. These bring the total for the year to forty.

The S.S. Kaifong brought from Manila, among other cargo, 573,000 cigars, 150,000 cigarettes and 135,394 kilos of sugar. The Shinyo Maru's cargo included 1,204,000 cigars, 2,502 kilos of hemp, two and a half million kilos of sugar, 103,500 kilos of copra and a large number of barrel hogs.

The R. N. Dockyard Recreation Club held a Whist Drive in the Naval Yard last night. A pleasant evening terminated with the presentation of prizes by Mr. E. Bate, President of the Club, to—Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Harrison; 2nd, Mrs. Sears; 3rd, Mrs. Smith. Gentlemen, 1st, Sgt. Hare, R.G.A.; 2nd, Mr. Tripe; 3rd, Mr. Green; 4th, Mr. Pritchard.

"The Nation" (New York) says:—Any man might be proud of the opportunity that has come to Professor Goodnow, whom the Chinese Government has summoned as its adviser in the work of constitutional reconstruction. To have a share in building the political framework for a nation of four hundred millions is a task which appeals powerfully to the imagination. It is a task which undoubtedly calls for special knowledge, but for something more than that. Professor Goodnow is trained in the theory of constitutional government as the Western world has practised it. The application of the fundamental principles of Western democracy under the vastly different conditions that obtain in China involves the broadest kind of historical imagination and insight, in addition to special knowledge. Professor Goodnow's appointment is in line with the recent tendency on the part of China's governing classes to avail themselves of the services of experts from abroad. The selection of Dr. Morrison, the well-known English correspondent at Peking, as political adviser to the Chinese Government, is an instance in point. Several years ago, while China was still under the Manchus, Professor Junkin was called in to deal with the Government's financial problems. The college professor is very evidently having his innings to-day.

## SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY.

THE LANCET of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is world wide. It is good for the deep seated cough of the adult or the croup and whooping cough of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

No case of plague has been notified since noon yesterday.

A woman has been removed from 13, Square Street, to hospital suffering from injuries received by accidentally falling downstairs.

Robbers entered the San Fat orchard at Kam Tsun village, and pulled up about forty lychee trees, doing damage to the extent of \$12.

A boy was sent by a shop-keeper at West Point with \$1,500 with which to pay a bill. He was relieved of the money by confidence tricksters.

A Chinese child, aged about one month, which was found abandoned on a Kowloon thoroughfare, has been sent to the Italian Convent.

There are renewed rumours that Sir E. Brockman is going to Singapore to relieve Sir Arthur Young. Sir H. McCallum at the S.S. Andrew's Dinner has stated that Ceylon's new Governor might very possibly come from the Straits.

Recent Indian papers to hand are full of further attempts at train-wrecking on several of the Indian lines. Some goods trains have been derailed, but fortunately the attempt to wreck the Bombay mail-train did not succeed.

A fire broke out on a junk at Kennedy Town last night, doing damage to the junk to the extent of \$350. The junk was laden with jute, which was being transhipped to the S.S. Siberia. The cause of the damage or the amount has not yet been ascertained.

The concert to be given by the Y.W.C.A. on Friday, May 2nd, at 8 p.m., and on Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m., will be held, by kind permission of the Commandant, at the Volunteer Headquarters. The first half of the programme will be a miscellaneous one and the second part will be "Cinderella" given by the members of the Association. At the matinee on Saturday tea will be served, for which a nominal sum will be charged. Tickets for the concert may be had at the door or from members of the Association.

Inspector Dymond and a party of police raided No. 19, Sai Yuen Lane, first floor, last night and arrested twenty-seven men who were found to be using the place as an opium den. The men, who were a very disreputable set of individuals, were brought before Mr. Hazlewood at the Magistrate's Court this morning, when Inspector Dymond said the place was doing a big business, and he had raided it several times. The first defendant, who was found guilty of keeping the place, was fined \$250 or three months, and the remainder were fined \$5 or seven days.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Charles Elliott returned per Hain today from his visit to northern ports.

Lieut. T. E. Biscoe, 2nd East. D. C. L. I., has been noted for employment with the Australian forces.

Acting Bombardier J. Lander, R.G.A., has been awarded the acting-schoolmaster's certificate as the result of an examination held in December.

Mr. Edwin Dun, formerly American Minister in Tokyo and now a resident of the capital, met with a painful accident at Ngauvaki on the 15th inst. While visiting the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard he tripped over a light obstacle and broke a blood vessel in the leg, necessitating his detention in Unkani Hospital for treatment.

Mr. J. Elliott, resident engineer of the Hongkong Hotel Co., leaves today by the P. and O. s.s. Nore for England on twelve months' leave. Mr. J. H. Taggart, the popular manager of the Hotel, has been in very bad health lately, and we understand that on medical advice he is shortly going with Mrs. Taggart on vacation. His many friends will wish him a speedy restoration to health.

## NO LONGER ALIENS.

WELL-KNOWN NAMES IN LIST OF THE NATURALIZED.

Some well-known names are to be found in the list of aliens who became naturalized British subjects last year. They include: Miss Lind-Af-Hagely, the Swedish anti-vivisectionist; Mr. Hermann Appenrodt, the delicatessen purveyor; Dr. Buehler, Principal of Jews' College; and Dr. E. E. B. Beavis, Capt. B. Branch, W. L. Carter, A. M. Thornhill and W. Dobbie.

REHEARSALS FOR THE ABOVE will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday the 15th, 22nd, and 19th May.

As it is necessary that members should be exercised in the Feu-de-Joie, the President has decided that all members intending to be present will attend at least two if not all three parades.

## THE FORTY YEAR TEST.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first issued to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favour and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favourite after a period of more than forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## UP A TREE.

Inspector Gerrard charged a man named Wong Chiu before Mr. Hazlewood at the Magistrate's Court today with being a rogue and vagabond at Yau-nai.

Constable Wilson despatched to finding the defendant up a tree outside the police station.

Mr. Hazlewood inquired what he would be doing up a tree.

Inspector Gerrard replied that he appeared to be taking observations. He could see into all the windows of the houses round about, and he was probably looking for a convenient place to get into. No money was found on him, but he had fifteen pawn tickets. It was two o'clock in the morning when the constable found him up the tree.

Defendant said he had just come from Canton, and had asked a friend to get him employment. He climbed the tree in order to view the festival, as he had been moved on by the police, and he thought they would not see him in the tree.

Inspector Gerrard said the festival finished at 11 p.m.

The Magistrate rewarded Wong's tree-climbing prowess with a month's hard labour, and he further recommended his banishment from Hongkong.

## PAWNING BY BOYS.

Pawnbroker Wanted.

Two typical Chinese street urchins were charged before Mr. Hazlewood at the Magistrate's Court today with the theft of a gold medal from a house in West Point.

Inspector Dymond said that the boys were shoemaker's apprentices living in the same house as the complainant. The complainant went away, leaving the gold ornament hanging by the boys. The complainant discovered that it had been taken away when he returned. The defendants accused each other of the theft.

A pawnbroker was called, who said that one of the boys pawned the medal for \$7.

Mr. Hazlewood said that the witness must be very careful about accepting things like this from boys.

The pawnbroker said the boy told him he was pawning it for his mother.

Inspector Dymond said the pawn-shop was only a dozen shops away from the police station, and the pawnbroker could have let the police know about it.

The second defendant admitted stealing the medal and said he gave it to the other boy to pawn.

The defendants were ordered eight strokes of the birch each.

## THE KINOTOPHONE.

The Edison Kinetophone Agency gave another successful demonstration of Mr. Edison's latest invention in the Theatre Royal last night. The same programme was again submitted, and greatly appreciated by the large audience present. There was a noticeable improvement in some respects, and it is very probable that the Kinetophone will not only revolutionise the cinematograph business, but prove itself to be a most valuable means of affording entertainment and instruction.

The Agency intend shortly to give demonstrations at Canton and Shanghai.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

It is anticipated that a Parade will be held on June 3rd to celebrate the birthday of H. M. King George V. Rehearsals will take place at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursdays 16th, 22nd, 19th of May at 5.30 p.m. Rifles will be drawn at Headquarters and returned after each parade.

THE LEGAL CUP has been won by Sergt. D. Tolan; Engineer Company.

ARTILLERY BATTERY.

A series of four lectures will be given by the Staff Officer at Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th May at 5.30 p.m. on Battery Commandant's Work. It is hoped that as many Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers as possible will attend.

LEAVE.

The undermentioned members are granted leave as follows:—  
Corpl. B. F. Chapman from 28. 4. 13. to 28. 10. 13.  
Gunner W. Hoy from 30. 4. 13. to 30. 5. 13.

REMOVED.  
1277 Pte. A. R. Cavalier is permitted to resign with effect from 28th April 1913.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE.  
The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing 12 months. Dr. E. E. B. Beavis, Messrs. R. E. O. Bird, L. G. Bird, C. E. H. Beavis, Capt. B. Branch, W. L. Carter, A. M. Thornhill and W. Dobbie.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.  
Rehearsals for the above will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday the 15th, 22nd, and 19th May.

As it is necessary that members should be exercised in the Feu-de-Joie, the President has decided that all members intending to be present will attend at least two if not all three parades.

## BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As an easy natural remedy for the bowels is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SPORTING.

## Association Football.

88th Coy., R.G.A. v. 83rd Coy., R.G.A.

This game, which might be described as the "semi-final" of the United Service League, took place on the Naval ground yesterday. Teams:—  
88th Coy., R.G.A.—Moore; Woods; Spencer; Buckland; Perry; Stanley; Lovelace; Burt; Riddle; Melis; Cooper.  
83rd Coy., R.G.A.—Buckhouse; Colmer; Daughtry; Langford; Mullins; Perry; Poole; Mardle; Franks; Woodridge; Pharaoh.

Referee, Mr. F. W. Eager.

Franks started the game for 83rd Coy. and Moore was soon called upon to save. After this breakaway 83 Company were mostly engaged in busily defending, and Mullins passed back to Daughtry but Burt intercepted and passed to Lovelace who best Daughtry in a race for goal and opened the scoring with a brilliant shot. Returning to the attack, Cooper made a fine run and centre "Riddle" was offside. An attack by 88 Company was terminated by Woods who played in splendid fashion. At the other end Daughtry, robbed Burt, and later Colmer cleared with Melis dangerous. Franks and Mardle made a burst for 83 Company. Melis shot wide and the R.G.A. 2; 83rd Coy., R.G.A. 0.

Riddle re-started, 88 Company doing most of the offensive work. Melis was injured during a determined attack and left the field for good. A nice pass by Stanley gave Cooper an opening and from the resultant centre, Perry robbed Burt who had the goal at his mercy. A fine centre by Pharaoh was taken by Woodridge who shot skinned the bar, and later Moore ran to save by taking the ball from Franks' foot. The end came with 88 Company winners of a hard game with the result—88th Coy., R.G.A. 1; 83rd Coy., R.G.A. 0.

## Billiards.

The final match of the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament continued at the Soldiers' Club last night; the Royal Engineers (A) team giving their more respectable opponents, the Hongkong Volunteers, a set back by winning both games and turning a deficit into a fair lead.

Mr. G. Wolf, Hongkong Volunteers, and Corpl. Walden, R.E., were the first pair to try conclusions. Wolf made a good start, leading his 100 with Walden 64. The Volunteer remained on the 101 mark for some time, Walden scoring rapidly and passing Wolf at this juncture, scoring nine breaks of 19 and 15 in doing so. The Engineer never lost the lead again, winning at the finish by 24 points. Breaks—Walden, 13, 15, 14, 13, 10, Wolf, 19, 18, 15, 10. Scores—Corpl. Walden, 200; Mr. G. Wolf, 176.

The second game brought Sergt. Bullock, Hongkong Volunteers, and Corpl. Carpenter, R.E., to the table. In this game Carpenter played good sound billiards, gradually increasing his lead as the game progressed. At 50 he had an advantage of 20 which he increased to 41 at the 100 mark. He then compiled a nice 24, and playing consistently won easily by 50 points. Breaks—Carpenter, 24, 12, Bullock, 14, 13, 10. Scores—Corpl. Carpenter, 200; Sergt. Bullock, 150.

The games continue to-night, the Royal Engineers now hold a lead of 38 points, the scores being Royal Engineers (A), 177; Hongkong Volunteers, 679.

## Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C. C. TOURNAMENT.

Two games were played last evening in the Hongkong Cricket Club lawn tennis tournament.

In the professional pairs Major Bowen and Capt. Crawford beat R. F. C. Master and G. A. Hastings 6-0, 6-1.

In the singles handicap A. class, A. C. E. Elborough (rec. 1/8) defeated Dr. Aubrey (rec. 3/8) 6-3, 6-4.

The match between A. N. Jowland and W. B. Penman in the semi-final of the championship competition, abandoned on Saturday on account of failing light, will be replayed this evening.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The last race of the season of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club for the Handicap Class took place on Saturday. Five boats started, viz.:—  
Dione and La Linda ex. Rella, 15secs. per mile; Kathleen, Dorothea and Colleen, 40secs. per mile. The course was—Lyemun Beacon, Starboard; Kowloon Rock; starboard; Lyemun Beacon starboard, and the result was as follows:—

Finishing Times.	Corrected Times.
La Linda .. 4 33 25	4 33 25
Dione .. 4 36 10	4 36 10
Rella .. 4 38 10	4 38 10
Kathleen .. 4 37 20	4 31 12
Dorothea .. 4 43 54	4 42 40
Colleen did not finish.	

The points to date are:—

Boat	Points	Total
La Linda ..	5	23
Dione ..	3	40
Rella ..	4	50
Kathleen ..	7	49
Dorothea ..	2	14
Colleen ..	0	

Rella (owned by Mr. F. Smith) thus wins the Championship Cup with a total of 50 points.

There were only three starters in this race and their finishing times were:—  
Halcyon .. 4 35 50  
Bonito .. 4 36 50  
Daphne .. 4 38 53

## THE BANK NOTE CASE.

## FURTHER EVIDENCE TAKEN.

At the Magistrate's Court this afternoon in Mr. Malbourne's Court, further evidence was heard in the case in which the Austro-Hungarian named Auston Hauler, 35, described as a broker, is charged with having impressions in his possession of bank notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Chartered Bank of India, and the Netherlands Trading Society, and also with having a pistol and ammunition in his possession, for which he has a police permit.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master prosecuted for the police. Mr. Shenton, of Messrs Dawson, Looker, Dawson and Harston, watch the case for the Chartered Bank.

Detective Sergt. Clark deposed that on April 23rd last he went with Insp. Watt and Det. Knight to the Grand Hotel, Room No. 10, and assisted in arresting the defendant. There were also in the room two Chinese and the witness Weigal. Witness was watching the defendant whilst Insp. Watt and Det. Knight searched the defendant and the room. There was a small in the room as if some kind of acid had been used. On the way to the station defendant said—"I came here to get another man arrested, and have been arrested myself."

Det. Knight gave corroborative evidence. Witness found a fully loaded automatic pistol in a leather trunk, together with a quantity of various classes of paper, including thin double sheets of paper, blotting paper, and bank note paper. On the dressing table there were seven bottles containing chemicals.

The case was further adjourned.

## ASCENSION DAY.

To-morrow is Ascension Day, one of the Chief Festivals of the church. At St. John's Cathedral it will be observed as follows:—7.15 a.m., Holy Communion; the members of the Church of England Men's Society both military and civil branches will attend this celebration: 8.15, Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; this being the Corporate Communion for members of the Mothers' Union; 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer with sermon by the Bishop.

Professor Swete of Cambridge pleads for an observance of this day as a witness against the Materialistic spirit of the age which in some quarters threatens to overpower those higher interests which have their seat in the region of the spiritual and eternal.

## SALE OF RICE MACHINES.

Import Agent Suen Chinese Firm.

In Summary Jurisdiction this morning before Mr. Justice Kemp, the particular case was continued in which Arthur Curt Seidel, trading as a machinery import and commission agent at York Buildings, and Man Shiu Chi and the Wing Fung Co., 102, Connaught Road, claiming the sum of \$100 for work alleged to have been done and material supplied by the plaintiff to the defendants.

Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. L. D'Almeida e Castro for the defendants.

A counter claim filed by the defendants alleged that the parties agreed that plaintiff should erect on defendants' premises a rice polishing machine, and if it were superior to the one already possessed by the defendants they should buy it for \$450. It was further alleged that if the machine proved to be defective and the rice was polished in an inferior manner to that done on the defendants' machine the plaintiff should remove it. On trial the machine proved defective and inferior to defendants' machine, and damages amounting to \$249.50 were claimed.

Mr. D'Almeida objected to Mr. Stephens questioning one of the witnesses, who attended at Mr. D'Almeida's office for the purpose of giving a proof, and afterwards consented to give evidence for the plaintiff, as to what he was asked in Mr. D'Almeida's office, submitting that the conversation was privileged.

His Lordship allowed the questions to be put on condition that they were not put in leading form but the witness, in answer to Mr. Stephens said he could not remember anything which was asked him.

After some evidence had been given the case was adjourned till Thursday.

## AMERICAN LADY'S WILL.

\$20,000 BEQUEST FOR SALVATION ARMY WORK.

Application for probate has been lodged by the executors of the will of the late Miss E. J. Emery, an American lady who died in London on Feb. 16. The estate has been provisionally valued at £22,667 7s. 9d. gross, which may be exceeded when the value of the American estate is more fully ascertained. Annuities and legacies are left to charities, and the residue, which is estimated may amount to £20,000, is left for Salvation Army work among women and girls in foreign countries, particularly India, China, Japan, and Africa.

## A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratched or cut or lacerated. Because these wounds have healed all right is no sign they always will. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and use that every injury is cured for immediately. You can get nothing better, and blood poison is too dangerous a disease to risk. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## HOME RACING.

## TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES.

LONDON, April 30.

The probable starters and jockeys in this race are Roseworthy (Stern) Kingsborough (H. Jones) Hals (F. Templeman) Fairy King (F. Wootton) Shogun (W. Huxley) Craganour (Saxby) Radiant (Martie) Bachelor's Wedding (Donoghue) Louvois (Reiff) Saquhar (Maher) Day Comet (Clark) Meeting House (O'Neill) Mouthpiece (Higgs) Nassau (Earl) Hamgate (Herbert).

## TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

## SITUATION MORE COMPLICATED.

LONDON, April 29.

The latest move of Essad Pasha, the King of Albania, is regarded as seriously complicating the situation.

## AUSTRIAN IRRITATION.

Austrian circles have not concealed their irritation at the reluctance of the Ambassadors to agree to further pressure upon Montenegro, and declare that Austria will not agree to indefinite delay but will insist upon Montenegro being forcibly compelled to evacuate Skutari. They do not believe that this will necessitate fighting.

In Russian quarters the opinion is expressed that there will be grave difficulties should Austria act alone.

## AMBASSADORS' LONG SITTING.

Reuter learns that the Conference of Ambassadors, which took place on Monday, lasted three and a half hours, the longest sitting up to the present. Sir Edward Grey presided. The Conference was adjourned to Thursday, by which time it is believed it may be found possible to convey the information desired by Austria regarding the Powers' intentions. The departure of the Montenegrin troops from Skutari is not regarded as indicating an intention to yield to the Powers, but rather that they are going to Cetinje and Antivari to resist a possible advance or to occupy the Tarabosh-Boyana region which Montenegro demands as compensation for the loss of Skutari.

## GREEKS AND BULGARIANS.

A message from Salonika states that the orders for the withdrawal of Bulgarian troops from all places occupied by the Greeks have been countermanded.

## CAUSE OF THE FALL OF SKUTARI.

It is now generally accepted that the surrender of Skutari was the outcome of a preconcerted arrangement between Essad Pasha and the Montenegrins, with a view to a future settlement of the Albanian question which would be convenient to both.

## CLIMAX REACHED.

Everything tends to confirm the opinion that a climax will be reached at the Ambassadors' conference tomorrow.

## POWERS RELUCTANT TO BE WARLIKE.

Reuter states that the conference has shown that a majority of the Powers are not prepared to adopt warlike measures in the case of Montenegro, although they are prepared to consent to the occupation of a coast town in the event of continuous recalcitrancy.

The Austrian Press is very impatient, and a military organ demands the breaking off of the Conference.

## THE KEYS OF SKUTARI.

A telegram from Cetinje states that Prince Danilo arrived and received an ovation. He handed the keys of Skutari to King Nicholas.

## A REMARKABLE PROCESSION.

A procession was then formed to the Cathedral, the Queen and other ladies each supporting a wounded soldier while the populace threw flowers.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## ALARMING RUMOURS.

Reports that Austria had decided upon independent action against Montenegro momentarily demoralized the stock markets especially on the Continent, though afterwards they partially recovered. At present there is no confirmation of these rumours.

## COERCIVE ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED.

The "Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung" says that the Ambassadors' Conference tomorrow will decide which, if any, of the Powers are to participate in any possible coercive action along with Austria against Montenegro in the event of King Nicholas not unconditionally yielding.

## THE MARCONI INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Churchill's outburst has afforded numerous newspapers the opportunity of demanding the closing of the Marconi Inquiry Committee, whose proceedings are condemned as being futile and farcical.

(Note:—So far, Reuter has not communicated the nature of Mr. Churchill's outburst.—E. C. M.)

## THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT NAUGHT.

The Duchess of Connaught is better. A later message states that the symptoms of intestinal obstruction have recurred, and a further operation will be necessary.

## ANOTHER OPERATION PERFORMED.

The Duchess of Connaught has undergone another operation, and is stated to be as well as might be expected.

## EARTHQUAKE IN CANADA.

LONDON, April 29. A message from Ottawa states that an earthquake was felt at 7-10 on Monday evening in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. It was also felt in Montreal and Ottawa. A telescope in the Dominion Observatory was wrecked. This is the only damage yet reported. A later telegram states that no damage occurred at Ottawa.

## THE TROUBLE AT LISBON.

## DISCUSSION BY THE DEPUTIES.

LONDON, April 29. A Lisbon telegram states that in the Chamber of Deputies the Premier read a statement on the subject of the conspiracy in which he declared that the Government were aware of the preparations and knew the ringleaders, but they did not intervene before the outbreak as they wished the people to see the criminal anti-republican intention of the conspirators. The Chamber and Senate unanimously passed votes of confidence in the Government.

## VAGUE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

A telegram from Lisbon states that there is a vague official account of some disturbances yesterday night. It mentions firing on board the cruiser Sao Gabriel at two o'clock in the morning. The crew was immediately lined up by the officers, who did not find the culprits. There is now perfect tranquillity. The Government has taken the necessary steps to deal with the situation. Two bombs were thrown at the barracks at Trizoso, and much damage was caused. Thirteen arrests were made at Coimbra for attempting to influence soldiers.

## ANOTHER "MYSTERIOUS STATEMENT."

A telegram from Lisbon says that another mysterious official statement says that the naval barracks and the warships are quiet.

## A "MOVEMENT OF VISIONARIES."

The newspapers describe the various happenings as the movement of visionaries in a comic intermezzo.

## THE POLICE ACTIVE.

The Police have closed the Trades Union centre at Lisbon and two newspapers have ceased to appear.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## ANTARCTIC HEROES.

## ANNUITIES FOR DEPENDENTS.

LONDON, April 30.

Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, has announced that Lady Scott, widow of Captain Scott, the Antarctic explorer, will receive an annuity of £200 in addition to an Admiralty pension of £225. A joint annuity of £300 will be paid to Captain Scott's mother and two sisters. A similar annuity will be paid to Dr. Wilson's widow and sister-in-law. The Indian Government will provide an annuity of £100 for the mother and sisters of Bowers, and Mrs. Evans, widow of Petty Officer Evans, will have 20s. weekly in addition to allowances to her children till they reach the age of 18 years.

Mr. Asquith, in a letter to the Lord Mayor of London, expresses the opinion that the annuities leave room for equitable augmentation of the funds raised by the public. It is pointed out that Captain Scott is not included in the list as he was unmarried and wealthy.

## BOMBS DISCOVERED AT SAIGON.

## SUPPOSED PLOT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, April 29.

The discovery of a plot on the part of Chinese and Annamese directed against the Government of Indo-China is reported from Hanoi. The Governor of Indo-China, in a dispatch to Paris, refers to an outrage at Hanoi, and states that it is attributed to the partisans of Kwong, who is directed by the agitator Pham Bo Chau, at present in China. The Governor is of the opinion that the plot was devised and the bomb prepared in Canton or Hongkong, where the Chinese revolutionaries are advising and subsidising the Annamese revolutionaries. The police have discovered bombs in Saigon.

No information has reached Hongkong of the exact nature of the outrage.

## HONOURING THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, April 29. Lord Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, has been made a Knight of the Thistle.

## THE WHEELER CASE.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAKING INQUIRIES.

LONDON, April 29. Answering questions in the House of Commons on Monday, regarding the sentencing in Japan of the Englishman, W. A. Wheeler, of Genz, Wheeler & Co., of Leicester, to four years' penal servitude on a charge of obtaining £10,000 by selling obsolete knitting machines above their value, Mr. Asquith said he had telegraphed to Japan for a full report.

## (Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

## CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, April 29. Tutuhs of different Provinces have telegraphed to Peking suggesting strong measures to cope with the present unsatisfactory situation caused by party opposition. The Chambers of Commerce have telegraphed to the Chung Yi Yuan to stop minor quarrels in connection with the election of Speakers and to devote attention to public business.

In view of the successful conclusion of the loan negotiations, a special Audit Bureau has been inaugurated in connection with the Board of Finance. Tani Ting Kan has been appointed Director and Li Sum Ling assistant Director.

A man has been arrested for attempting to assassinate in a Peking boarding house, Wong Yin Tang, the Parliamentary delegate of Mukden.

Unconfirmed but serious rumours are prevailing with regard to trouble at Wuchang and Hankow, and the Government are taking precautionary measures.

It is reported that Admiral Li Chun will be appointed Governor-General of Nanking.

President Yuan has ordered that the railway bridge across the Yellow River should be carefully guarded.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE BRITISH BUDGET.

LONDON, April 30. The House of Commons has adopted the tax and income tax resolutions contained in the Budget.

## THE SUFFRAGETTE LEADER.

LONDON, April 29. The Medical Inspector has reported that Mrs. Pankhurst's health renders it inadvisable to remove her to prison at present.

## CALIFORNIAN ANTI-ALIEN LEGISLATION.

LONDON, April 29. A telegram from Sacramento states that Mr. J. J. Bryan addressed the executive at a joint session, with the Legislature and said the national Government asked that the Californian Land Ownership Legislation stand over till next session as the matter could be settled diplomatically.

## CALIFORNIA'S "RIGHT."

A later telegram from the same city states that prior to the adjournment of the conference between Mr. Bryan and the Legislators, the Governor spoke in defence of the majority plan, and declared that it was California's right to follow the lead of the other States unquestioned. The general feeling at the conclusion of the speech was that the determination of the majority to pass a Bill specifically debarring aliens ineligible for citizenship from owning land remained unchanged. The conference will be continued to-day.

## CONTRACTORS AT LAW.

Action Regarding An Army Contract. In the Summary Court this afternoon before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, Mak Keng, trading under the firm name of the Sun Yuen Leung, sued Chan Pui, alias Chan Leung and Sons of 2nd floor, No. 17, Slip Street, to recover the sum of \$150.50. This sum was made up of \$515.50 money received by defendant from the officer commanding R.R. for the use of the plaintiffs, and as to \$135 money drawn by defendants from plaintiff's business.

Solicitors: For the plaintiff, Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist; for defendants, Mr. Crow, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings.

Mr. Reader Harris explained that the claim arose out of a contract obtained by the defendant from the military authorities of the South China Command to carry out certain works at Mount Davis for a sum of \$18,200. Defendant obtained the contract in the first place, in November 1911, and approached the plaintiff subsequently and they came to a certain agreement that each of them should put up \$10,000 capital and should work this contract. Defendant had taken this contract in the name of Chan Loong and Sons, a name which he had not used before. No agreement was signed, and in November 21 plaintiff at defendant's request paid his deposit of \$400 to the Army Pay Department. Subsequently defendant was unable to put up his \$10,000 and came to a new agreement that plaintiff should do the work, defendant receiving a remuneration of \$40 a month for his services in carrying out the contract. The plaintiff thereupon carried out the whole contract, engaging the sub-contractors and making the necessary payments to them. After the work was finished the \$200 which had been paid by plaintiff as security had to be returned and as the contract was in the name of defendant it could only be returned to him. Therefore the plaintiff asked the defendant to obtain the return of the \$200, and he did so, but it had not yet been paid to plaintiff, though it was his money. This accounted for \$400 of the claim. The sum of \$135 was overdrawn by defendant above his remuneration of \$40 a month. Defendant alleged that the agreed remuneration was \$70. The early entries showed \$70 a month, but he submitted that defendant had altered the \$40 to \$70 without the authority of plaintiff. The court interpreter certified that there had been an alteration. The counter-claim was for \$251. A parole agreement was alleged, defendant stating that he paid certain contractors on plaintiff's behalf. Plaintiff had never requested defendant to pay any sub-contractors. The case was proceeding when we went to press.

Inspector McHardy, of the Hongkong Police, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be allowed to leave hospital, but he still has poor health.

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"Fifteen thousand babies are born in the workhouse every year," said Mr. Sidney Webb, speaking at the annual meeting of the London Reform Union at the National Liberal Club. "What," he asked, becomes of the 15,000 mothers?" Particulars obtained regarding 8,000 of these children showed a very scandalous state of things. The death-rate among the infants was two or three times as great as among the infants of the ordinary population, where the infantile mortality was very high. Fifteen years ago, he added, Canon Barnett said to him that the greatest enemy of thrift in this country, as well as the greatest engine of demoralization, was the Poor Law. But, although the Poor Law Commission had reported over four years ago, nothing had been done to deal with any one of the evils. Previous to Mr. Webb's speech Earl Bessborough was elected president. Mr. Sydney Buxton, M.P., hon. treasurer, Mr. Hamd Spender chairman, and Mr. C. E. Beal hon. solicitor. Mr. Spender, who occupied the chair, said it had been suggested that the subject of a minimum wage should occupy the points on London Citizen Sunday.

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